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Irreplaceable

"Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World," a public education campaign and national traveling photo exhibit raising awareness about plants and animals threatened by climate change, will open January 9th at the G2 Gallery in Venice as part of its nation-wide tour to raise awareness about the threat to wildlife from climate change and global warming. The exhibit comes to the Los Angeles area as part of a one-year, multi-city tour that will wrap up in Washington, D.C. this spring, where it will present signatures from its "Call to Care" petition to legislators, reminding them to keep imperiled species threatened by climate change in mind when drafting climate change legislation.

"Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World" is a collaboration of art, justice, science, and faith groups that aims to inspire hope, wonder, and action through the beauty and power of images. Featuring work by award-winning wildlife conservation photographers, the 40-print exhibit brings the public face-to-face with the wildlife most threatened by climate change. The Irreplaceable exhibit is co-sponsored by Earthjustice, Noah Alliance, Restoring Eden, International League of Conservation Photographers (ILCP), and Conservation International's Center for Applied Biodiversity Science (CABS.)

The Irreplaceable exhibit will be on display at the G2 Gallery, located in Venice. The G2 Gallery is a firm believer in the unity of art and justice. Since opening its doors in March 2008, The G2 Gallery has been committed to promoting the appreciation and conservation of our natural environment through photography and other art forms. The G2 Gallery presents an illuminating range of exhibits that showcase nature and wildlife photography by artists who inform, inspire and generate greater awareness of the environmental issues we face.

Scientists have predicted that global warming will become a leading cause of species extinction in the coming decades: The latest United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report found that 20 to 30 percent of animal and plant species could be at an increased risk of extinction, with up to 60 percent species loss in some areas if global warming continues as predicted.

"Global warming has emerged as the most pressing challenge facing the world today. Our nation's wildlife -- from the Arctic's polar bears to species home to California-- are being affected and we will be judged by future generations on how we respond," said Trip Van Noppen, president of Earthjustice. "Our coalition of faith, science, art, and justice partners has united for this exact purpose: to protect imperiled wildlife from the threats of a warming world."

"All faith traditions teach that we are called to care for the vulnerable. And in today's world, this includes species suffering because of climate change," said Suellen Lowry, Noah Alliance program director.